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IN THE SPECIFICATION**I. Please amend paragraph [0003] of the Specification as follows:**

Figure 1 is a schematic diagram illustrating one embodiment of a unicast distribution system. Such a method is also referred to as point-to-point communication. As illustrated, the server sends a plurality of copies of the same data to a plurality of clients (denoted as R0 – RN) using a unicast forwarding mechanism. The packets are typically distributed on a one-to-one basis; that is, an individual copy of the same information is produced and sent to each client (e.g., a sender with ten receivers would send ten packets along ten routes). Consequently, a major cost associated with the distribution of content from server to client(s) is that of bandwidth. When the number of clients is particularly large, e.g., in the case of multiparty online games, bandwidth costs may dominate the total cost of hosting the application.